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STATE AND CAPITAL.

CONSTERNATION IN RICHMOND'S SMALL CHINESE COLONY.

Long Ling, a Church Hill Laundryman, Found Dead in His Room—Charles J. Searcey, the Train Robber, Will be Liberated To-day—Knockout Drops Made Him Unconscious—The Foreign Mission Board—Found Dead in a Box Car—Committed Suicide—United in the Holy Bonds of Matrimony.

Richmond, Va., May 1.—There is consternation and mourning in Richmond's small Chinese colony. One of their number, Long Ling, a Church Hill laundryman, was found dead in his room this morning. He had breathed his last peacefully during the night while two of his fellow countrymen slept soundly a few feet away unconscious of his demise. They were horrified when they awoke to find Long cold in death. He was a sufferer from heart disease and this, in the opinion of Coroner Taylor, was the cause of his death. He did a hard and long day's work in his laundry yesterday and complained of feeling tired when he went to bed at 11 o'clock. He was about 35 years old, had a family in China and came here about four years ago from San Francisco. He became a Christian some years ago, joined a Methodist Church here and shaved off his queue, but later secured a false one which he wore up to the time of his death. The funeral to-morrow will be an impressive one. This is the second death of a Chinaman in Richmond in ten years.

Marriages: At Berryville, Miss May Wheat to Mr. Dorsey Read Potter, of Flukersburg, W. Va.; Miss Nellie W. Little, of Norfolk, being among the bridesmaids, near Wytheville, Miss Eliza Ewald to Mr. Earheart Sumnermann; at Gordonsville, Miss Clara Ogg to Mr. W. Campbell Smith, of Newport News; at South Boston, Miss Ella P. Lawson to Mr. James M. Reames; at Memorial Methodist Church, in Gloucester county, Miss Virgie May, of that county, to Mr. Joseph Rock, of Lancaster county; at Olivet Baptist Church, Middlesex county, Miss May Hart and Mr. Thomas Jeffries, both of King and Queen county; at Luray, Miss Roberta Sanford to Mr. S. Otis Judd, of Baltimore, Md.; Miss Eulalie E. Cox to Mr. John T. Bufford, of Walkerton, near Richmond; at Alexandria, Miss Gertrude E. Swartz to Mr. William C. Mills; at Christiansburg, Miss Marie Gardner and Mr. George Kessler, both of Roanoke; at Newmarket, Shenandoah county, Miss Ella V. Bennick to Mr. Samuel B. Wallace, of Fairfield, Rockbridge county; at Staunton, Miss Bessie Blackburn to Mr. Harry Burnett; at Roanoke, Miss Willie Burch to Mr. Robert E. Weedon; at Bristol, Miss Curtis Jett to Mr. Charles F. Hagan, and Miss Annie Clyce to Mr. Carl Harnelung.

Charles J. Searcey, who with Charles A. Morganfield, held up the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac train at Aquia Creek in 1894 and robbed the express car, has completed his term in the penitentiary and will be liberated to-morrow. It is possible, though not at all certain, that officers from Clay county, Ark., where Searcey is alleged to have committed a crime ten years ago, will be here to re-arrest the prisoner as soon as he is turned out of the prison. There was correspondence on the subject some time ago, but the Governor has heard nothing more from the authorities. If Searcey escapes the grasp of the Arkansas officials he will probably go direct to Texas, where his aged mother lives. His people in the Lone Star State are respectable and well connected.

The poll of the State being made by the Richmond Dispatch as to sentiment in their respective localities has resulted in replies being received from sixty-nine of the one hundred counties of the State. Of this number, fifty-one—a majority of one—say the sentiment is for proclamation outright, though no "instructions" have been given, save in a few cases.

That sentiment, as expressed generally, is in favor of proclamation, but it remains to be seen whether the mass-meetings held in some of the counties can undo the action of the State convention.

A case in which knockout drops seem to have been used developed in the Police Court this morning. It appeared that J. A. Lamb, of Petersburg, had been relieved of \$100, and S. A. Dixon, arrested in connection with the robbery, was sent to jail in default of security for twelve months. Lamb gave Dixon ten cents in Petersburg yesterday morning and was surprised to meet him here in the afternoon. He took a drink out of Dixon's bottle and knew nothing more. When he came to himself he was out \$100, and Dixon, who claims to be from Danville, was standing near him.

Much interest is felt over the announcement of the engagement of Miss Mary E. Colston, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick M. Colston, of Baltimore, and Mr. John B. Whitehead, of Norfolk, Va., now instructor of electricity in the Johns Hopkins University.

Mr. Whitehead is a son of Mr. H. C. Whitehead, of Norfolk, and a nephew of Colonel Walter H. Taylor, General Lee's adjutant-general during the civil war.

A fourteen-year-old boy named Angus Powell, of Portsmouth, spent last night at the Second Police Station. He came here several days ago with a man he describes as a Norfolk man.

was left here without money or friends. The boy was kindly treated by Captain Angle, and this morning Chief Howard procured his passage to Portsmouth.

The Foreign Mission Board will go to the meeting of the Southern Baptist convention at Asheville next week entirely out of debt and with a good surplus in the treasury. This is due to the splendid collections of the last four days. Nearly \$50,000 has been raised in the last few days. Virginia leads all her sister States in the contributions. The expenditures of the year have been \$161,222.22.

The historic Masonic Lodge of Fredericksburg has appointed a committee to prepare a program for two important events. One is the 150th anniversary of the organization of the lodge which occurs on September 1st next and the other is the 150th anniversary of the initiation of George Washington into Masonry by this lodge on November 4, 1752. Both events will be celebrated with fitting ceremonies.

Because of grief and disappointment at the failure of his growing crops, Mr. J. R. Browning, a civil engineer and farmer of Orange, Frederick county, committed suicide by cutting his throat with a pocketknife. He was 50 years of age, and leaves a widow and eight children.

The Virginia Biscuit Company, a new Lynchburg enterprise, which recently failed, has arisen from its ashes and resumed work under the name of the Virginia Steam Baking Company. The charter, which has just been granted in Lynchburg, places the capital stock at \$50,000.

Mr. L. J. Thomas, of Charlottesville, carpenter-in-chief of the Southern railway, was killed by falling from a scaffold at Goose creek, Loudoun county, on the Washington and Ohio branch of the Southern. Mr. Thomas, who was 35 years old, leaves a family.

The dead body of Frank Ohmer, of New Castle, Craig county, was found in a box car at Wytheville. It is believed that the man, who was about 30 years old, committed suicide, as a half-empty bottle of morphine was found in one of his pockets.

Deaths: At Pulaski, aged 78, Mr. J. R. Ratcliffe; at Alexandria, aged 65, Mrs. Winfield Bayne; at Fredericksburg, aged 40, Mr. Jefferson Hicks; at Lynchburg, aged 52, Mrs. Mary Ann Adams.

At Staunton the Democratic primary renominated W. H. Landes for Mayor. A. A. Eskridge for Commissioner of the Revenue, E. D. Bell for City Sergeant and C. A. Crafton for City Constable. The only contest was for Councilmen.

The Democratic Congressional Committee of the First district has selected Saturday, July 26th, as the day for the primary throughout the district from 1 to 7 o'clock p. m. to nominate a Democratic candidate for Congress.

The Southern railway is making extensive improvements on its line between Alexandria and Manassas, abolishing many sharp curves and shortening the distance.

BITS OF FUN.
"I never had such a terrible day," said a lady who lives in the suburbs.
"What was the matter?"
"Our new servant girl. She could not find the clothes line. 'Never mind, Bridget,' said I, 'let it go for to-day.' 'Indeed I'll not,' said she. 'O'll fix it in a jiffy.' With that she got the step ladder, and I left her. In a few minutes I thought I would see how she was getting along, and I arrived on the scene just in time to save her life."
"What was she doing?"
"Getting ready to hang the clothes on the trolley wire."

The American Girl—Why do you say that you are afraid my friend isn't quite proper?
The French Girl—Ah, I have heard so much a naughty story about her.
"Indeed! what was it?"
"Et c'est quite shocking. I have heard that she was once in see vary same town in wheech a young man leaves wiz whom she is acquaint."

"Well, what of that?"
"What of that? Why, she has no chaperone!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.
"Mr. Newman," inquired the city editor of the new reporter, "do you think you can write that obituary you are now at work on without saying, 'by his own unaided efforts he rose from the ranks to a commanding position among his fellow men'?"
"Y—yes, sir," replied the new reporter, furtively scratching out a line or two he had just written, and resuming his work with a heightened color, "I—I think I can."

The following incident is reported from one of the public schools in the poorer section of Boston:
"Say, teacher, here's a tuberose I brought you," said a smudged face youngster the other day.
And beaming her thanks, she asked him where he got it.
"Oh, say, dat was easy," he replied. "I got it off'n a dead lady."

The school trustee of District No. 13, Cornstalk township, closed the door on the young woman's retreating form, walked back to the stove, and spat in the coal bucket.
"That makes three gal's that's wanted to teach the school," he soliloquized, regretfully, "that I've had to refuse becuz they didn't seem to understand none of the principles of grammar."

MAY BE MADE A BISHOP.

Dr. A. Coke Smith of Norfolk Will in All Probability be Elevated to the Bishopric at the Meeting of the General M. E. Conference in Dallas, Texas, Next Week.

Richmond, Va., May 1.—The Leader of to-day has the following to say: "The Rev. A. Coke Smith, D. D., pastor of the Epworth Methodist Church of Norfolk, who is widely known in this city, will in all probability be elevated to the bishopric at the meeting of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, in Dallas, Tex., next week. His friends here express themselves as being almost certain of his success."

"Dr. Smith is considered one of the most attractive preachers in the Southern Methodist Church. He is a man of great personal magnetism and of eminent oratorical abilities. A native of South Carolina, he served in several of the prominent churches there. He was elected missionary secretary of the General Conference, the position now filled by Dr. W. R. Lambuth, and served for three years as a professor in Vanderbilt University. He has been pastor at Norfolk, at Lynchburg and then Norfolk again. His work in these two fields has been eminently successful."

"While he has never had the charge of a church in Richmond, Dr. Smith is exceedingly well known and well liked here. He has visited the city on several occasions and has spoken here frequently. With reference to the bishopric, it is generally felt here that he will be chosen. One reason for this belief is the fact that at the last Conference Dr. Smith got the second highest vote in the election of bishops."

"There are two bishops to be chosen this year. Dr. Hoss, editor of the Nashville Christian Advocate, the organ of the Conference, will probably be the other. It is possible that Dr. Hoss' position on the Advocate will be filled by Dr. Gross Alexander, now a professor in Vanderbilt University."

THE MONEY ASSAULT CASE.

An Unexpected Move in the Street Car Altercation—The Hearing Postponed Until Tuesday.

Washington, May 1.—An unexpected move to nullify the three cases of alleged assault growing out of the altercation on a street car last week in which Senator Money, of Mississippi, Conductor Orpha H. Shaner and Truck Foreman James E. Hooper, of the District fire department, figured, resulted to-day in postponing the cases in the Police Court until Tuesday. After a protracted conference between counsel for Senator Money in District Attorney Muldowney's office it was decided by them to allow the cases to drop and when they appeared in the Police Court later Mr. Muldowney announced to Judge Kimball that after investigating the cases on both sides, he had concluded that the ends of justice would be subserved by dismissing the charges against all three defendants. He would, therefore, nolle prosequi them. The attorneys for Shaner and Hooper protested against this action.

Senator McLaughlin, Senator Money's colleague from Mississippi, who with Mr. Bell, represented Mr. Money, explained that Mr. Money had been confined to his room since Saturday and was threatened with pneumonia. Mr. McLaughlin thought it was "unnecessary to state the cause of the trouble." He produced a physician's certificate dated yesterday, addressed to whom it may concern, setting forth that Senator Money was suffering from congestion of the lungs and confined to his room and bed and it would be five or six days before he could leave his house. All he wanted, said Mr. McLaughlin, was to relieve Senator Money from further prosecution in this case for any alleged offences charged against him.

The Court stated that the only point was as to the power of the district attorney to nolle prosequi, which he was inclined to sustain, but he finally agreed to postpone announcing his conclusion until Tuesday morning.

NEWPORT NEWS.

Hod Carriers Strike for More Wages—A Railroad Conductor Hurt.
Special to The Landmark.
Newport News, Va., May 1.—All the hod-carriers in the city struck this morning for an increase of pay. They have been getting \$1.50 for a day of eight hours. They demanded \$1.75 for the same hours, but the contractors refused to meet the demand. There are from sixty to seventy-five of the craft here.
The Board of Inspection came down from Washington to Old Point this morning and inspected the battleship Indiana. The vessel came up here in the afternoon for coal.
Wesley Routten, conductor on one of the cars of the Newport News and Old Point Railway and Electric Company, was hurt this morning by being dragged off his car by a pile of brick placed near the track. His arms and face were badly cut.

MR. CLEVELAND RETURNS HOME

Princeton, N. J., May 1.—Grover Cleveland returned to Princeton to-day from Florida. When asked how he had enjoyed the trip, he replied that he had passed the five weeks very pleasantly and that he felt very much improved in health.

COLLEGE GAMES.

At Seawane—University of the South, 11; Cumberland University, 0.
At Tuscaloosa, Ala.—University of Alabama, 6; Central College of Kentucky, 3.
At Spartanburg, S. C.—Wofford College, 4; Trinity College, N. C., 1.

THE BEEF BOYCOTT.

THE CONSUMPTION FALLS OFF 37 1/2 PER CENT.

Since the Agitation Against the Trust Began Admitted by Leading Packers—One Thousand Beef Cattle Left Over from One Day's Sales—A Heavy Falling Off in Receipts at Chicago.

Chicago, May 1.—That the consumption of beef has fallen off 37 1/2 per cent since the agitation against the packers began was admitted by leading packers seen by a reporter to-day. The percentage given averages the calculations of the packers seen.

One thousand beef cattle, not 10,000 as was reported, were left over from yesterday. Opinions varied as to whether the trade to-day would clean up the 8000 head received. One buyer declared that there would be more than a thousand left over, while another expressed the opinion that the export business would clean up the total. A representative of one of the packing houses said that the yards received 8000 head of cattle to-day; a year ago to-day the receipts were 17,731 head. Receipts for April were estimated at approximately 140,000 head less than for the same month a year ago.

The bill for injunction to be filed against the so-called beef combine is completed and all that remains to do, it is said, is to wait for word from Washington to act.

PARDONED BY THE KING.

The Imprisoned Officers of the Cruiser Chicago to be Turned Over to the United States Consul at Venice.

Rome, May 1.—The King has pardoned the officers of the United States cruiser Chicago, who have been imprisoned at Venice. They will be immediately handed over to the United States consul, from whose charge they will be transferred to the Chicago, which is ready to sail.

REVOLUTION IN RUSSIA.

Numerous Encounters Between Workmen and the Troops—Many People Killed.

Copenhagen, May 1.—A dispatch to the Politiken, of this city from Russia (filed on the German frontier) announces that the labor population of the whole district between Moscow and Vladimir, Central Russia, is in revolt. There have been numerous encounters between the workmen and the troops and many persons have been killed or wounded. A Uhlans regiment, commanded by Colonel Morozoff, refused to act against the workmen.
St. Petersburg, Tuesday, April 29.—Duke Alexander of Oldenburg's celebrated Chateau de Romone, in the government of Voronezh southern Russia, has been burned by revolting peasants, practically ruined the estate. The duke is the father-in-law of the Czar's sister, Olga, who married his son, Duke Peter, last year.

DEVASTATED BY A TORNADO.

A City and Adjoining Towns in Calcutta Swept Away—Four Hundred and Sixteen People Killed and the Crops Ruined.

Calcutta, May 1.—A tornado has devastated the city of Dacca and adjoining towns. Four hundred and sixteen persons were killed. Crops were ruined throughout the district.

MAJOR GLENN TO BE TRIED BY COURT-MARTIAL.

Washington, May 1.—Following the precedent set in the case of General Smith the President has himself, through Secretary Root, ordered the trial by court-martial of Major Edward F. Glenn, Fifth Infantry, one of the officers referred to as a participant in the administration of the water cure in the testimony developed before the Senate Philippine Committee recently. The court will meet on May 12th at Catbalogan in Samar.
Lieutenant A. L. Conger, Eighteenth Infantry, and Captain Palmer H. Lyon, assistant surgeon of volunteers, who were said to have been associated with Major Glenn in the torture of the president of the town of Igarra, are now in this country. Their cases are being investigated by Judge Advocate General Davis with a view to determining the advisability of trying them by court-martial.

DIVIDEND DECLARED.

New York, May 1.—A quarterly dividend of 11-2 per cent. on Northern Pacific stock was announced to-day. This is the first dividend declaration since the stock was turned over to the Northern Securities Company.
Philadelphia, May 1.—The Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania railroad to-day declared a semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent.

Miscellaneous.

Department this morning.
Washington, May 1.—William Henry Moody, the new Secretary of the Navy, took the oath of office at the Navy Department this morning.
Wood City, Pa.
Baltimore, May 1.—Frank Sherman gained the world's championship at Washington, D. C., to-night by defeating W. H. Clearwater, of Ell.

Miscellaneous.

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